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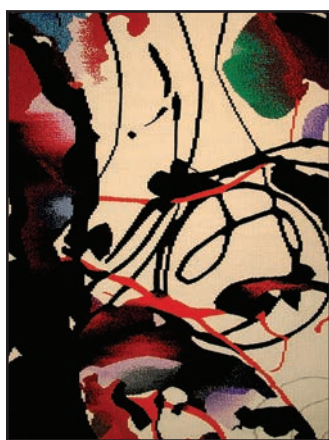
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The mens baseball team won all four times last weekend.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

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| 69 43 10% | 68 46 20% | 66 47 30% |

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

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Number of estimated lives the John Sallstrom Blood Drive saved.

Source: The G.I.V.E. Center

Social Justice tackles major issues



KATIE RAGAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christian de la Huerta gave a very moving speech about religion and spirituality in the A&S auditorium Tuesday evening. He ended his talk by reading a passage out of his book, "Coming out Spiritually," about the principles of expressing spiritually.



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jan Swanson and Tayyibah Taylor introduce themselves during the All-Faiths breakfast held in the MSU Lounge on Tuesday, Feb. 5.



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Guests enjoy the free breakfast at Tuesday's All-Faiths Breakfast held in the MSU Lounge. The All-Faiths Breakfast marked the beginning of the Social Justice and Black History Month.

Huerta stresses to expand views

BY ABBEY FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

When most people think of the word justice, the first thing that comes to mind is the law in the courtroom. A room filled with sweaty men in suits shuffling through briefcases trying to decide whether someone is going to prison or doing community service.

But not all justice deals with law. Justice can also be used in our society and in social settings. Social justice is a term often used in college because many people come from different backgrounds and learn how to accept different beliefs.

In a society with true social justice, individuals and groups receive fair treatment and are not discriminated against based

on things such as race, sexual orientation or religion. Here at GCSU we are always encouraged to seek understanding and respect for others beliefs. We strive to be a diverse campus in which students are welcomed from all over and find a home.

This month The Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity sponsored an event for Social Justice Awareness Month. Christian de la Huerta, a former Milledgeville resident, returned to our campus on Feb. 12 for two presentations: "Beyond Belief: The Importance of Religious Diversity in Today's World" and "Coming Out Spiritually."

De la Huerta is the founder of QSpirit, which is a non-profit organization.

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Featured Events

The Vagina Monologues

Feb. 14-16, 7:00 p.m.
Magnolia Ballroom

Black History Trivia Night with the Bobcats

Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m.
(Lady Bobcats)
7:30 p.m. (Bobcats)
Centennial Center

James Baldwin Play: "Down From The Mountain Top"

Feb. 19, 7:00 p.m.
Magnolia Ballroom

"Every Time the Beat Drops"

Feb. 21, 6:00 p.m.
Museum Education Room

Legacy Ball and Banquet

March 1, 6:00 p.m.
(Banquet)
8:00 p.m. (Ball)
University Banquet Room (Banquet)
Maxwell Student Lounge (Ball)

Students discuss diversity at work

BY CHRISTINE GEIGER
STAFF WRITER

The Diversity in the Workplace discussion, which took place Feb. 5 in the Maxwell Student Lounge, gave students a chance not only to learn about diversity but to gain insight on life after college. There to guide them was an experienced panel of workers from Coca-Cola, Enterprise, Shepherd Center, Girls Scouts of America and the U.S. Department of State.

"I never saw my race or gender as an impediment to get to where I wanted to get," said Alma Aguilar, Hispanic Outreach program specialist for Girl Scouts of America and GCSU alumna. "And I got to

where I wanted to get."

The panel answered a variety of questions tackling issues such as diversity, disabilities, office etiquette and how to get a job.

The panelists agreed that networking and researching are essential in landing a good job. Barbara Teague, service coordinator for the Shepherd Center and graduate of Georgia State University, said she used networking in order to secure a post-college internship.

Finding a work environment in which the student feels comfortable is important, according to the panel. Researching the company and talking to employees are impor-

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A little overcooked...



KATEY FOLLET / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Pig in a Pit, located off Highway 441, burned down Sunday night along with the Discount Mattress. The full story will in the Feb. 22 issue, next week.

Blood Drive continues to alleviate shortages

BY ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF REPORTER

The John Sallstrom Blood Drive was another success this semester. Beginning in 2000, the John Sallstrom Blood Drive has now become the largest blood drive in the Southern Georgia region. As of 5:30 p.m. last Wednesday evening, over 69 people had already donated to the drive. With only two and a half hours left in the evening, donors were waiting in long lines to give to the cause.

This year, accommodations to donors went above and beyond pre-

vious years.

"Anytime the students give us a suggestion we do take that to heart and try to listen," Jennifer Arroyo, graduate student and volunteer said. "One year all we had was apple juice, and someone said we needed something else. So now we have three different kinds."

David Arnold, senior French major and volunteer, said, "This semester particularly, (was) really helpful with dominoes offering to sponsor this event. Getting food into your system before a blood drive is very important.

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Learning the tricks of transient

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF REPORTER

Some people spend their summers chilling out and taking a break from school. But the summer is a perfect time to get ahead by being a transient student.

"A lot of times, students will go home and want to take a class," Stacey Milner, transfer articulation specialist, said.

Approximately 40 people attended a program Wednesday in the MSU Lounge about how to go transient to another school. The program was sponsored by the Transfer Student Association.

"We wanted to get our name out, and do something beneficial for the students," said senior Nicole Carmolingo, president of TSA.

To become a transient student, it is important to go through the proper process.

First, plan ahead. Research the school, and see if they are offering the class needed, and make sure the credits will transfer. Make an appointment to talk to an advisor to discuss your plans. Apply to the other school. To complete the process, students must be in good standing academically.

Second, Do the paperwork. Fill out a transient student permission form, which is available online or from the registrar's office. Get the form signed by your advisor and department chair, and turn it into Admissions or the registrar's office. Without this form, GCSU is not required to accept the credits.

Third, manage your hours. While taking an upper level class somewhere else can be beneficial, students have to be careful. To graduate from GCSU, 21 of the last 30 credit hours must be com-



Kristen Hooks, GCSU loan coordinator, talks to students about the financial aid aspects of becoming a transfer student at the meeting Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 12:30 in the Maxwell Lounge. The event was sponsored by the Transfer Student Association.

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pleted here.

Fourth, meet the deadline. Deadlines to apply vary from school to school. Most schools' deadlines for the summer sessions are in early April.

Fifth, get money. The HOPE scholarship will pay for tuition at another school in Georgia. However, at a private college, students must be enrolled at least half-time for HOPE to pay for its portion of the tuition. GCSU scholarships, such as athletic scholarships, can also be applied at another school.

Finally, Make the grade. Make sure the grades from the other school are sent to GCSU. Transcripts are not always sent automatically.

Milner estimated that nearly half of GCSU students choose to go transient over the summer. Some popular schools are Georgia Perimeter College, Georgia Military College, Kennesaw State University and Georgia State University.

"I'm from (Kennesaw),

The transient process

1. Plan ahead.

Check and see if the school offers the classes needed, and if the credits will transfer.

2. Do the paperwork.

Fill out a transient student permission form.

3. Manage hours.

To graduate from GCSU, 21 of the last 30 credit hours must be completed here.

4. Meet the deadline.

Most schools' deadlines for the summer sessions are in early April.

5. Get money.

Double check which schools will accept the HOPE scholarship as a payment.

6. Make the grade.

Make sure the grades from the other school are sent to GCSU.

and I want to be able to work," said junior liberal studies major Katie Strach, who plans to take classes at KSU.

Being a transient student is a way for students to be at home and still be able to take classes. This also enables them to work part-time for some extra money and to see old friends. Studying at another school helps students to fulfill core requirements and other classes.

"The benefit is being able to stay on target, and for some, it's an opportunity to catch up or get ahead," said Milner.

Studying abroad is another form of being a transient student. Some students want to study abroad with a program that is not affiliated with GCSU. To do this, follow the steps for study abroad applications with the other school. Financial aid can still be applied.

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tant steps to take before accepting a job according to Karen McGrath, regional recruiting manager for Enterprise.

"Most companies have some kind of identity that you're going to connect with or not connect with," McGrath said.

Alguilar, a Hispanic, is proud that she embraced her diversity to reach her goals of using Spanish and working with children in her job.

"I was always the one student that was always a little bit different growing up," Alguilar said. "Coming into it with an open mind, you can't come in saying 'I'm the only other', because if you do that then you're basically isolating yourself. I never did that. I don't see myself differently than anybody else. I could go for the same things that anybody else went for."

The Diversity in the Workplace lecture, which was headed by Jennifer Cash, assistant director of

GCSU's Career Center, is the first event of the Next Top Professional Series, which ends with two Career Expos on campus.

It is also one of the many events promoting Black History & Social Justice Awareness Month. Cash says it is important for students to understand diversity and respect others so that they can be successful in diverse workplaces in the future.

"You're going to school; you may be around people who may seem more like you," Cash said. "But when you're trying to get a job, you're going to come across people who aren't like you. And you need to learn to work with people who aren't like you."

Mary Ford, junior information systems major, enjoyed the discussion and left with new knowledge of what to expect after she graduates.

"I thought it was a really interesting lecture," Ford said. "I learned a lot of important information for when I enter the workforce. I thought it was a great chance for me to make some connections and get some questions answered."

De la Huerta

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tion that reaches out to gays and lesbians to help them in their spiritual walk. He also is the author of "Coming Out Spiritually" which was chosen by Publishers Weekly as one of the top ten religion books of 1999 and nominated for a Lambda Award. Literary Foundation gives Lambda Awards yearly to works that celebrate or explore gay, lesbian or bisexual themes.

De la Huerta not only encourages GLBT people to think about religion but also our society as a whole. In his presentation, "Beyond Belief," he reflects on how our society needs to think beyond our own religions and learn to respect others. De la Huerta does not advocate one world religion or even belong to one religion himself. Instead he inspires others to find a deeper understanding of other religions and have an element of respect.

Taking his listeners through the history of religion, he clearly shows how religious conflict has caused massacre in our world such as the Salem witch trials, the Civil War and the Holocaust.

De la Huerta also reflects on how if our society does not change their ways, these tragic events will continue to happen. To find a true respect for other

religions, he believes that one must be willing to challenge their own beliefs and have an open heart and mind while doing so.

Our society's ego is what he feels continues to restrict us from understanding and respecting other religions. The ego causes intolerance, which can lead our society to reject, restrict, oppress or even murder the followers of certain religions. To change these ways of thinking one must learn to tolerate and examine other belief systems. By doing this, one can learn to respect and appreciate these religions and hopefully our world as a whole can be at peace.

His presentation was inspiring, and he reflected well upon all religions. De la Huerta brought to the table what many rarely think about.

"The program was quite eye-opening and really brought up a lot of thought about my own beliefs," sophomore Kenny Hillstrom said.

Junior, Kurt Nieser, was also moved by the discussion.

"This program was definitely something that many people need to hear regardless of what you believe or don't believe," Nieser said.

De la Huerta's journey for religious acceptance worldwide still has a long way to go but he has brought this topic up for discussion on the GCSU campus. Hopefully our student body can do something about it.

Blood

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Another feature of the event was a golf cart service, assisting donors with rides to their class and to their dorms.

"That's to ensure the safety of the students," Arroyo said.

Sponsored by The GIVE Center and the American Red Cross, the blood drive is in Milledgeville every three

months.

"We set that up so that a person can give every time," Arroyo said.

Platelets, red blood cells and "double red" donations are other options that are also available.

Blood donation is extremely important and is highly valued by hospitals around the country.

"Every pint of blood that goes to a hospital is valued at \$500, and most of that money goes to just maintaining the blood,"

Arnold said. "One pint of blood saves nine lives."

This semester members of the Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity also volunteered either work at the drive or to donate.


With even more nurses on staff this semester, the goal of this year's drive was to get donors in and out in thirty minutes.

"Blood shortage is a prevalent problem in today's society," sophomore nursing major Haley

Rice said. "Giving blood helps to alleviate the shortage and can possibly one day save another's life making me more than willing to sacrifice one liter of my blood."

Registering online is now an option for donors and can be done at www.givelife.org.

"In Georgia, the blood supply is critically low, especially after Hurricane Katrina," Arnold said. "It's such a great way to give back."



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Lecture discusses oil impact on U.S. politics

BY CHRISTIN IVEY
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU struck oil Monday in the A&S Auditorium with an hour lecture from Dr. John S. Duffield who talked to GCSU students about the true costs of America's foreign oil dependence.

With ample charts, figures and statistics, Duffield mapped out the multidimensional aspects of the hidden and not-so hidden costs of oil.

The lecture focused on three forms of American oil dependence: import, market and indirect dependence, and also revealed both economic and policy costs of our unquenchable lust for oil. At the average consumption rate of 20 million barrels of oil a day, or 600 gallons of oil per person per year, Duffield put real numerical certainties on just how deep our addiction to oil truly is.

Facts about oil consumption swirled around room—giving GCSU students plenty of information to digest.

"I felt like he was very informative, and his charts really showed just how much our oil consumption has increased," Samantha Adams, senior political science major, said.

Besides the economic impacts of oil, Duffield also focused on unintended political consequences that come with a continuous need of foreign oil. Duffield explained that many foreign policies—especially with the Middle East—are led by our undeniable interest in oil, often leading us to overlook human rights violations or support corrupt leaders in order to secure a steady flow of oil.

With Americans consuming about 50 percent more oil than any other country, political tensions regarding oil are bound to arise.

"A market for oil is far from being a perfect market free from political externalities," Duffield explained.

For some students, the political costs of oil are of big concern.

"I enjoyed listening to (Duffield) break down the costs," Haly Hicks, senior political science major said. "The price of oil is only going to rise, and what is going to happen when our relations with the Middle East get even worse? It's damn depressing!"

Depressing as our nozzle candy addiction may be, Duffield's lecture ended on



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Professor John F. Duffield of Georgia State University presents a lecture on Foreign Oil at the A&S Auditorium Monday morning.

a positive note, by presenting four potential solutions to breaking the oil habit.

Duffield advised that the best solution is to refocus our transportation system to be more sustainable. Demanding higher fuel efficiency and alternative fuels may also be a way to wean us off oil, Duffield claims. However the most effective method of curbing oil consumption just might be to adopt Europe's method of high taxes on gas to push people to find alternative ways to travel, Duffield suggests. Even though the thought of paying \$6 a gallon at the Hop-In is enough to make anyone queasy, it might be the direction we are headed.

Yet, some of Duffield's solutions left a few students skeptical.

"I didn't really buy into the efficiency bit," Chris O'Quinn, senior political science major, said. "We will run out of oil at some point, so it is only putting back the inevitable."

Whether the inevitable hits now or later, students left Duffield's lecture with a sobering sense of just how costly dependence on oil is now and how much worse it may get once the oil supply runs dry.

Political ads influence student vote in election

BY JAMIE FLEMING
SENIOR REPORTER
&
ERIN GISH,
STAFF REPORTER

In 1952 Rosser Reeves, one of the country's greatest advertisers, was approached by a group of businessmen to come up with a Republican slogan for the presidential campaign of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Instead of just a slogan, Reeves proposed an entire campaign for Eisenhower, who would address voters' main concerns in a series of short television spots airing shortly before the election called "Eisenhower Answers America."

A total of \$2 million was spent on the country's very first televised political ad campaign.

Since 1952, candidates have spent billions of dollars on campaign ads.

According to the Federal Election Commission, the financial activity of the 2004 presidential candidates and national conventions totaled more than \$1 billion.

Individuals, parties and other groups spent \$192.4 million independently advocating the election of the presidential candidates.

With so much time, money and effort going into these ads, voters may assume that candidates are certain to sway voters in their direction. But how effective are these ads?

According to a 1986 study by researchers Richard Petty and John Cacioppo, there are two different routes a political campaign ad can follow: the peripheral route and the central route.

An ad following the central route to persuasion would make strong and compelling arguments focusing on issues important to the American people. This type of ad was said to have a long lasting change on opinion.

The peripheral route to persuasion uses superficial cues to persuade its audience. For example, this type of ad relies heavily on the type of background music played, characters portrayed within the ad, setting and other theatrics to influence those watching.

The effects, however, are short term: it is likely that the individual's mind will change with an alternative

2008 political ad Web sites

The following Web sites contain political ads for each of these 2008 presidential candidates.

Hillary Clinton

www.hillaryclinton.com/video/ads

Barack Obama

www.youtube.com/barackobama

John McCain

www.johnmccain.com/tvads

Mike Huckabee

www.mikehuckabee.com/?FuseAction=Newsroom.videos

persuasive message.

Dr. Alicia Bembeneck, assistant professor of psychology, named typical characteristics found in political advertisements based on a 1991 study published in the Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media.

"Candidates try to focus on issues or image in their commercials. They can choose to make a support or an attack ad," Bembeneck said. "They can use music or not and typically choose to use a professional background and context or a family background."

This study compared image ads and issue ads in political campaigns. Issue ads focus on current hot button issues with the American people and image ads centering on a candidate's character or personality.

"They found that the issue commercials produced greater voting intent, more positive attitude towards the ads and the candidates, towards their abilities and character than the image ads," Bembeneck said.

The study also showed that support ads, advertisements that focus on the candidate and their personal goals, had a more positive impact on viewer attitudes as well as voting likelihood than did ads attacking fellow candidates. Attack ads merely conjured negative feelings in viewers toward both candidates.

Ads with a professional or office setting had a positive impact on viewer perceptions of the candidate's abilities; while ads with a family setting boosted viewer attitudes about the candidate's personal character.

"Unfortunately we don't know much about how

female candidates are perceived. The research is based on males so can any of this be applied to Hillary Clinton? I don't know," Bembeneck said.

Bembeneck says it is unclear whether or not the data collected applies to Barack Obama as well.

"The research is based on white men and how people perceive white men," said Bembeneck. "But it is possible that right now a lot of researchers are creating a methodology to really look at ethnicity and gender now that it is a topic, and we may see that research a couple of years from now when it is published."

Senior English major Paul Grigsby said he has seen ads from Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, Barack Obama, Ron Paul and Hillary Rodham Clinton. He thinks that they persuade some people.

"Some people give TV supreme authority over what they know," Grigsby said.

Karla White, a junior economics and rhetoric major, said she has seen ads for John McCain, Romney and Clinton, but she doesn't think they have much effect on viewers.

"I don't think ads have as much power as people think," White said. "If the ad solidifies what we already believe, we like it."

Whether you believe in the effectiveness of political ads, Bembeneck says studies found that the superficial cues and tactics do not typically sway viewers.

"They've found that people tend to be very thoughtful and take a very rational approach when watching advertisements of someone running for political office," Bembeneck said.

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Pictured above are GCSU senior athletes and the faculty members they honored during the men's basketball game on Feb. 4 against UNC Pembroke. The faculty honored were the athletes' choice of those who impacted their college career significantly.

Faculty front and center!

On Monday, Feb. 4, during the men's basketball game against UNC Pembroke, many GCSU athletes recognized their most influential teachers at half-time. There were a variety of athletes from softball to cross country as well as a variety of teachers from Psychology to Politics.

Photos by Bobby Gentry / Staff Photographer



Senior mass communications major Shelby Lindsey honors chair of the Mass Communications program Mary Jean Land. Lindsey is a catcher for the GCSU softball team.



Above: Senior psychology major Levert Carter honors psychology professor John Lindsay. Carter is a forward for the men's basketball team.



Left: Senior psychology major Jessica McGinnis pays tribute to Susan Cumings, the program coordinator of women studies. McGinnis is a forward for the women's soccer team.

Suicide moves to more than a personal issue

BY JAMIE FLEMING
SENIOR REPORTER

Suicide was the third cause of death among individuals ages 15 to 24 in 2005, according to the latest available data at The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Suicide attempts can and does happen anywhere, even at GCSU. Freshman Kiara Jones, recently intervened with a friend who was contemplating suicide.

"I just stayed on the phone with him and calmed him down for more than an hour," said Jones, a psychology major. "He was crying and everything, but I told him that he had so much more to live for, and that it would hurt me for him to end his life so early. Thankfully he is still here."

Since early January, there has been at least one incident of suicide attempt at GCSU, according to Public Safety. A couple of weeks ago, a student at a residence hall had written a suicide letter to her roommate. Mary Jane Phillips, director of Counseling Services, was called and the student was taken to the Coliseum Psychiatric Healthcare for observation.

Suicide risk factors include psychiatric disorders, past suicide attempts and genetic predisposition, which may include family history of suicide or attempted suicide or psychiatric illness.

Suicide crises are events that can be a catalyst for attempting suicide. It includes things such as recent, distressing events that can lead to an intense emotional state. Those circumstances can lead to depression and changes in behavior, such as lack of enthusiasm in school or work.

Phillips said if someone is thinking of suicide, he or she should seek some type of help.

"They should reach out for help wherever they see fit—family or a religious leader," Phillips said.

A student who feels suicidal can contact Counseling Services, located in Lanier Hall 131, which provides personal, confidential counseling.

How to get help

Counseling Services

Lanier Hall 131
478-445-5331
Office hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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If a student thinks he knows someone who may attempt suicide, there are common signs that a family, friend or peer can look for.

"There are several signs to look for to assess if a friend or peer is having suicidal feelings," Phillips said. "The individual may say it directly 'I don't know if I can go on.' He or she may exhibit dramatic changes or they may begin struggling with different issues."

Phillips said if you don't know but suspect that a friend is feeling suicidal, just ask him or her.

"It's okay to ask directly," Phillips said. "It's not going to put the thought in their head if they're not thinking it—and if they are, it's a relief."

A student can also consult Counseling Services if they are not sure about how to intervene with someone else. An individual can also contact his or her resident assistant or resident director for assistance.

Phillips suggests if you know a peer is having those thoughts and wants to confide in you, don't promise that you will keep what they say confidential.

"If people really feel torn about what they should do in a situation, think about the possible outcomes," Phillips said. "There is no guarantee (that the person won't commit suicide), but you'll feel like 'I did everything I humanly possible could.'"

GCSU creates new hiring process

BY JERRY CALBOS
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU has a new system for those who wish to find careers on campus. PeopleAdmin is up and running for potential job applicants here at GCSU. The system can be found on the Human Resources website. However, this system does not benefit those who have recently filled out paper applications or student assistants.

According to Crystal Hurt, assistant for the Human Resources Department, "We're in transition. Old positions will use the old system. When we have new positions, (we will be) accepting new applications."

Dr. Fontenot, assistant dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences and professor of criminal justice, agrees that not everything is up and running. Potential faculty and staff for fall 2008 will be the first candidates to try out the new application system.

"Part-time and graduate assistant phasing is gradual," said Fontenot.

Dr. Anne Gormly, vice

president and dean of Faculties and professor of psychology, does state there is excitement for the new system because everything is done electronically. "When advertising on the Chronicle website...it takes you right to the position," Gormly said.

All three women agree that the new system cuts back on overhead for search committees. According to Gormly, "the search committee doesn't have to be in the office. We will still have the same campus procedures."

Fontenot added, "It's less intensive for the search committees. This year we have twenty to twenty-five new hires."

Gormly added that the workforce plan would still be the same, however hiring managers simply need to log-on to know where applications are, whether they be at institutional equity, a dean's office, etc.

Hurt says whatever level you are, a search committee chair, a dean or a vice president, it depends on the access you have to potential applicants' files. The human resources depart-

ment and vice president have the most access as they have they determine final approval. Human Resources also give access passwords to search committee chairs.

Hurt added the Human Resources department keeps "search files, such as interview questions, e-mail responses to applications, anything related to the position." This saves resources such as time, money and paper which committee members would normally use in the previous system.

Searches will still be done as they have been. According to Fontenot in regarding faculty, "most positions are national searches. It's a very detailed process. It's more consistent, everyone's in the loop."

The bottom line is the process is much simpler than it used to be.

"You will see all the institutions that use this have a broader draw ... it just makes it easy," remarked Gormly.

Hurt added that "applicants only need to fill out one application online and

change it when needed before they click submit."

Fontenot agreed, "It's the trend. Efficiency is what drives the move."

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The age we live in

It's a wonderful time to be a journalist.

See, back in the old days, putting together a newspaper took a heck of a lot more work than it does now. Don't get us wrong – we are in the office for more than 14 hours on Wednesday nights putting The Colonnade together – but compared to what the journalists of yesteryears had to do, we have it just plain easy.

In the old days, we would be writing stories on typewriters instead of our PCs and Macs. We would then have to retype the entire thing if there was anything wrong, and there was no spell check to save us from our own stupidity and oversights.

Photographs had to be taken and developed. In this digital age, we can look at them as we take them and know if we have some keepers, and can use programs to crop them and improve their quality as needed in mere minutes.

Papers were physically laid out by putting cut pieces of paper on a board, using a weird kind of ruler called a pica pole (a pica is a small unit of measurement used in layout and design and almost nowhere else) to make sure everything was spaced correctly. Photos had to be physically cut to fit in the spaces allocated for them. These days we use a handy design program that lets us do all that without ever touching a pair of scissors or getting ink on our fingers.

In the old days, papers were published by getting big, waxy templates called plates made of the assembled product by running them through a sort of press so complicated that we don't really want to try to explain it. Once again, all this is now done by machines at our publisher, with humans only having to look it over for quality control and to line it up correctly in the machines that now print 1,500 copies of our paper in less than 20 minutes.

In the past if there was breaking news it might be held if the process was too far along there was no time to make the changes and start from the ground up. Now it is much less of a hassle, meaning that we can bring our readers the latest news – so long as it happens before Wednesday night/Thursday morning and we put the paper to bed.

If our readers wanted to get in touch with us in the past, they had to sit down and write a physical letter and mail it the newspaper office. Now we're just an e-mail away.

Some readers in the past would miss the paper if they were out of town or if the papers were all gone from the racks by the time they went to get a copy. Now the entire paper is online on our Web site, with sections at the end of every article for readers to leave comments about what they read. Once again, contacting the paper and voicing your opinion has never been easier.

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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



Republicans shouldn't vote McCain



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

With Mitt Romney withdrawing from the GOP field, it seems inevitable that John McCain will win the Republican nomination for President. McCain has name recognition and popularity, which is something the Republican party could certainly use in a difficult Presidential election where they will face a heavyweight Democrat like Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama. Republican faithfuls should be jumping for joy that their party is just a formality shy of nominating a man that could easily win the White House in November.

However, this Republican faithful is not jumping for joy. The only place I'm jumping is far away from this McCain band wagon. For as long as I can remember I have been a conservative Republican. Looking at past elections, the last election I would have voted for the Democratic candidate over the Republican one would have been the election of

1904. In that election I would have supported Democrat Alton B. Parker over Teddy Roosevelt. So the point has been made. I unashamedly love the Republican Party.

Unfortunately, I also unashamedly don't like their new nominee, John McCain. In all fairness, I don't consider him a Republican. Republicans don't vote against tax cuts. Republicans don't propose legislation that would make American citizens of every illegal immigrant. Republicans don't propose campaign finance reform which limits freedom of expression as guaranteed by the first amendment. Republicans don't support gun control which infringes on the second amendment. Republicans don't rally with liberals in support of extending unconstitutional filibusters on Presidential judicial appointments.

And that's just my abbreviated list highlighting the key issues. Surely, John McCain must be wonderful on all the social issues that matter to Republicans, right? It depends on which John McCain you believe. In 1999 John McCain said he would not support overturning Roe v. Wade. In 2007 he said that he would support overturning the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. He votes against the Brady Bill, a major gun control bill, then later states support for gun control. He calls himself a social con-

servative but votes against the Defense of Marriage Amendment. He attends a Southern Baptist church in Arizona and then calls christian conservatives "Agents of intolerance."

There's no question that his record is one of being a conservative ... about half the time. At CPAC, Conservative Political Action Conference, this past weekend McCain gave a speech where he talked about cutting taxes, securing the Mexican border, appointing strict constructionist judges, reducing the size of government, providing free-market solutions to health care and not expanding entitlement programs. It sounds too good to be true, and I'm afraid it is. Half of what he promised would require a complete reversal of his previous positions, which isn't a surprise for the Senator who has created legislation with fellow flip-flopper John Kerry.

Let's forget for one moment how liberal John McCain is. His number one issue right now is the War in Iraq, which he has been surprisingly consistent on. While he falls perfectly in line with Republican mainstream in his support for the war, is it really the best strategy to run on? Currently 70 percent of Americans support withdrawing troops from Iraq, including the Republican author of this article, is it wise to run a candidate that says that troops in Iraq for a hun-

dred years would be "fine with me." It seems like his "straight talk express" might end up being the kind of talk that Americans don't want to hear.

No matter how unpragmatic his positions are for a Republican, he still polls better against Democrats than any Republican that ran for the GOP nomination. McCain has an amazing appeal with moderates, and won a majority of moderate Republican voters in almost every caucus and primary.

There is little doubt that McCain probably has the best chance to win and keep Clinton and Obama out of the White House. But a McCain presidency wouldn't be much different than a Clinton or Obama presidency. In the end most conservatives will probably coalesce around McCain calling him the lesser of two evils.

However, this Republican won't be casting a vote for him, nor a Democrat of course. Depending on who the minor parties nominate, I could end up voting Libertarian, Constitutional or Reform (are they even still around). If worst comes to worst I'll end up writing in Ron Paul. I know that it might end up that die-hard Republicans like me cast a Republican the White House in 2008. So be it. There are worse things than losing an election: like losing your principles.

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Democrats need to prevent split vote



BY JERRY CALBOS
COLUMNIST

There are those in both the Obama and the Clinton camp that say they will not vote if the other wins the candidacy for President. Some of them I highly respect, as they are fellow members of Young Democrats of Georgia. This does not excuse them from being so selfish.

One Obama supporter said the other night he

would vote for Clinton but he will tell everyone he knows to not vote for Hillary even if she's the only candidate. How stupid?

Do moderates and liberals want another four years to go down the drain? He might as well be telling Obama supporters to vote for the GOP candidate.

As much as all Democrats have argued about the differences between Hillary and Obama, they are minute compared to the differences between Democrats and Republicans.

Yes, people have invoked the race, age and gender issues, such is common among national political races whether we like it or not. Either way, the candidate for the Democratic Party, there

will be a minority running for President either way – a female candidate and a black-mixed candidate.

The Republican Party has all old white men running for President. Not that that is bad, but older white men have been President since 1779. If we believe in diversity, not only of political ideals, it's about time we made the field more diverse, and who else to do it but Democrats this year?

With the major issues that are being discussed during the debates, primaries and caucuses, the most important issue in the Democratic race is the hope that all Democrats can unite under one banner, especially when the nominee is picked. Some feelings may get hurt, but feelings have been hurt in

every race.

Now is the time not to break away from each other and split the party. Now is the time to rise up and proudly announce that we will no longer have Bush-type failed policies for the next four years.

Hopefully the Democrats this year are able to get along, no matter who wins the nomination, despite the small petty arguments they have with each other long enough to know they don't want another four years of Bushism in the White House. Democrats can't quit while they have a fighting chance to win.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another look at universal care

Dear editor,

The opinion article "Universal healthcare a very bad idea" presents an impassioned and seemingly convincing argument against the United States' implementation of a universal healthcare system, evidently advocated by terrorists and communists of all sorts. In fact, the argument presented is quite similar to that I might have presented a few years ago as a young, naïve free-market idealist.

Unfortunately for the rhetorician, that argument is based on misinformation and ignores issues at the heart of the debate, and I have since been converted by the irrefutable argument of experience. In response, I won't propose to refute the article piece by piece, but will simply open a few points for further discussion.

"We currently have the best healthcare system in the world," confidently states the article, prompting me to do a Google Image Search for the "'O'Rly' Owl" in response.

On my way, I decided to do another search and found that the World Health Organization currently rates the United States healthcare system thirty-seventh in the world. Of course such a simplification should not be taken as the final word, as the WHO rankings do admittedly privilege nations already employing a universal healthcare system. The relative financial inefficiency of the U.S. system is what ultimately gave it a lower ranking. Our system supposedly excels where others might struggle (in choice and timeliness), but not to the extent implied in the opinion piece.

The United States is not some haven for medical refugees on their deathbed in Europe. When my wife's grandmother, a citizen of the Netherlands residing in Cambridge, Mass., needed an open-heart surgery, did she go down the road to Massachusetts General operated by Harvard Medical School? No, she chose instead to fly back to Europe where she was given quality healthcare at no cost to her.

I must admit a fleeting jealousy, though only in theory, as I do not envy the surgery. Even if we did have the best healthcare system in the world, as many assert, another question begs to be answered, the question of cost. What

good does the "best system" serve if only a select population have access to it? If such a dichotomy were necessary, would a modern moral society not insist on adequate coverage for all instead of "the best" for only a few? I personally would not mind sacrificing a little in the way of choice and convenience for the knowledge that both my neighbor and I have unfettered access to the care we need.

Thankfully, with an efficiently-run universal system we would not have to sacrifice much, if anything, in the way of quality while providing coverage for everyone, as evidenced by the success of socialized healthcare in every other civilized Western nation. Massachusetts General, for instance, would not be restaffed with government issue doctors trained in eight week training programs, who only accepted a federal position for the superior health coverage ... The hospital would be still be run by the professionals at Harvard Medical School, only the government would pick up citizens' bills.

Of course, that implies a true universal healthcare system, which neither of the current Democratic candidates proposes. We can only hope that such stop-gap plans are merely necessary steps on the way to true universal healthcare. Necessary steps because, as the article accurately pointed out, a sudden switch to universal care is impractical and would cripple our economy—much in the same way an overnight conversion to the "Fair Tax" might, but that discussion is for another time.

Finally, a good deal of the argument presented in the article is based on the assumption that universal healthcare would only benefit the 47 million U.S. citizens who are currently uninsured. At this point, I must humbly question the author's experience with health insurance. The rest of America may be "insured," but, in many cases, that term is invoked by the healthcare industry to provide the illusion of security to the covered. The problem lies in the good ol' American "value" of profit controlling a sector where morality should have the final word. Generally, coverage costs too much and provides too little.

I can offer my own personal experience in this matter. I am currently

insured through my wife's employer, known for offering some of the best benefits in this area. Just the same, the best plan we can afford comes with a deductible that represents more than 10 percent of her annual income. Add our responsibility of any remaining costs, and we, like many Americans, live one medical catastrophe away from obliterating our savings. There goes the down payment we might have had for our first house (what of the American dream?).

I offer those numbers not to engender pity amongst the GCSU community, but simply as an example of our capitalistic healthcare system not delivering where it should, and I count us among the fortunate. Other young couples forced to seek private healthcare, often self-employed or in the lucrative fields of religious ministry or non-profit work, often have to pay in excess of \$500 per month for outrageous family plans since the more affordable privately acquired individual plans do not offer maternity coverage.

Educated young people trying to establish themselves economically (hardly fitting the O'Connor 'shiftless' stereotype) are just one demographic the current system is failing. Yes, even the insured have much to gain from a universal healthcare system. Please do not deny us our claim simply because eight million would supposedly rather live the life of luxury than pay for healthcare (though I suspect that at least a few of those eight million might, despite their "adequate income," be unable to pay for active insurance because of medical debts incurred).

Again, I offer this counter-point and my personal experience not as the final word on the issue, as my field of study makes me ill-qualified to offer such. We must remember that more than dollars, cents and national prestige are at stake in the debate over healthcare. Human well-being and livelihood should be the first consideration, and evidence shows that, in the healthcare sector, the free market is not regulating itself to adequately provide for the needs of all people, each with an equal claim to life and liberty, no matter their income.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Gore MA,
English Lit.



Now that the writer's strike has ended, which shows are you looking forward to returning?



"The Office': Steve Carell is awesome. He's very funny."

Graham Crawford,
senior, international business

"The only show I watch religiously is 'The Hills', and I don't think they have writers."

Brianna Hope, senior, marketing



"I'm so excited about 'Grey's Anatomy' and 'Desperate Housewives'."

Erin Krueger, senior, marketing



"The Office': April 10, baby!"

Kristine Barton, freshman, history



"Grey's Anatomy' and 'Desperate Housewives' ... are they coming back?"

Chelsea Wilson,
junior, mass communication



Reported by S. Ashlee Mooneyhan

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- In the article "Students feel heat of debate" in the Feb. 8 issue of The Colonnade, it was said that the American Democratic Project was one of the groups hosting the event. The correct name for this group is the American Democracy Project.
- The photo that ran with the article "Q&A with guest artist Josh McGuire" was incorrectly attributed. The photo was actually taken by Jen Fordham.
- In the photo for the article "Tennis eyes opening weekend at home" the player identified as Diane Danna is actually Celine Martin.

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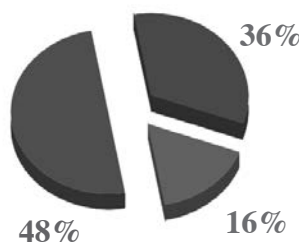
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Will you have a date this Valentine's Day?

Yes 36%
No 48%
Undecided 16%



Next week's question:

What factors will most influence your vote for Mr. and Mrs. GCSU?

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The Litter Box

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Idiots! Stop endorsing McCain!

Tyler Bryant is the cat's pajamas.

Tyler's muscles make me swoon.

Editor: These two entries were submitted by two different people.

Cut the referees some slack on the intramural circuit ... there's a lot of new blood getting their feet wet calling the shots.

Wow ... the person who lives in the dorms and complained about the shuttle really got torn up in the last edition of The Colonnade. I found the three entries owning this person pretty funny. It is true though ... water won't kill you AND it's really not that far.

Why even bother giving Clubhouse guests parking spaces if physical plant employees are just going to take them all? I guess they ran out of handicap spaces to take.

Forget the yearly Greek popularity contest, everyone needs to write-in Rock Awesome for Homecoming. Because he's awesome.

To the girls looking for nice guys: We're out here. Chivalry isn't dead, but the ones who are jerks tend to get the attention. My friends and myself (to some extent) still open doors, carry trays and do things for women. Just keep looking!

Attention GCSU: Though the path to the parking lot in front of Bell Hall is now blocked by a chain, I still plan to use it until a bush or something is planted in that space to stop me. Everyone knows the kids in Bell Hall hate walking - even if it is another ten feet.

Editor: Since this vent was received, bushes have been planted.

Raise your hand if your feelings are unrequited this Valentine's Day. Yeah!

So, when did Winter come back?

That's what she said!

Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name ColonnadeVent using AOL Instant Messenger (AIM), or by E-mail to colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu, with the subject 'Vent.'

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Brandon was the first, but not the last...

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JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dr. Noël, head of the Department of Foreign Language, does not like to brag about his "knighthood" but instead feels humbled by the honor vested in him more than a decade ago for his work with the French language and culture in education.

A good knight among us

ALANA LLEWELLYN
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen years ago this March, the Head of the Modern Foreign Languages Department, Professor Roger Noël, received the honorary title of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Knight in the Order of Academic Palms) in recognition for his work toward the dis-

semination of French life, art, culture and language. Monsieur Noël, a citizen of both Belgium and the United States, received his license at the University of Liège in Belgium, his master's at the University of Missouri in Columbia, and his doctorate at Washington University in St. Louis. Professor Noël has a background in Germanic languages, Romance lan-

guages, as well as Classical languages. Noël taught at the University of Missouri for his first 16 years after coming to the United States and became president of the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) in Missouri. Then he moved to Monmouth College in Illinois for six years, where he again was president of AATF, this time Downstate Illinois (all

of Illinois except the Chicago area). Noël finally moved from Monmouth College to GCSU in January of 1992; he subsequently became president of AATF in Georgia.

"I've been president in three states, and that's it," Noël said.

The award Noël

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Greeks hope to fix image

SKYLAR DERIGHT
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GCSU members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority learned that sororities and fraternities represent a large portion of the 44 percent of college students who drink excessively.

These Greeks are participating in the number one downfall of educational success, binge drinking.

"If Greeks are a major contribution to the high statistics of binge drinking, we want to help improve the negative image," said Gabbie Billings, the director of Standard and Ethics for the GCSU chapter, Zeta Iota.

Billings wants to use the information presented for the betterment of GCSU Greek life.

GCSU's ADPi chapter attended an alcohol awareness seminar in Peachtree City as part of its District Leadership Conference. All ADPi chapters in the Southeast attend DLC to prepare for the upcoming semester.

Dr. Lori Hart Ebert,

speaker for Campuspeak Inc., lead the seminar. Ebert said students believe they are socially drinking to obtain a buzz, but in reality they are participating in binge drinking.

Binge drinking is excessively drinking more than two nights a week foregoing usual activities.

Universities are quickly labeling binge drinking has the biggest issue on campus. Ebert presented facts from the Higher Education Center saying roughly 62 percent of sorority members engage in binge drinking compared to the 40 percent of non-affiliated women who binge drink.

Even though Ebert said not all sororities have such a high percentage of binge drinkers, the facts still shocked some members of the convention.

"It's scary thinking about the risks of binge drinking and the high percent of girls who binge drink," said Belle Massie, the director of Social Enrichment for

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Strickland 'transforms' curiosity into art

ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF REPORTER

"Great appreciation, love, passion and enthusiasm," is the way Bailey Strickland, a senior museum studies major, described her feelings towards art. Recently, she has shared these feelings with faculty, students and the Milledgeville community through her presentation of the exhibit, "Transformative Collection."

"Transformative Collection" is an amazing title; however, the inspiration behind the title has an even deeper meaning. "I wanted to see their work (faculty) when they were my age. I wanted to see the transformation of old work to new work," said Strickland.

"I was assigned the faculty show and was required to create a concept that identified with myself and inspired faculty, students and the community," said

Strickland.

She began creating a concept for the exhibit by coming up with about 100 questions that she always wanted to know about her professors. For the final questionnaire, Strickland narrowed down her list of a 100 questions to 18 of what she considered the most interesting.

Strickland said, "Questionnaires were used to find out the basic background of the faculty."

When entering into the exhibit, which was located in Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery, one would find the responses to the questions from each faculty member that was included in the exhibit.

"I was not originally going to display the responses, but I changed my mind because they were very interesting," Strickland said.

The exhibit included the works of Emily J. Gomez, William Fisher, Valerie Aranda, Elissa Auerbach,

Sandra Trujillo, Fadhili Mshana, Michael Murphy, Ernesto Gomez, Donna Reidland, Tina Yarborough, Carlos Herrera, Sang Wook Lee and Roxanne C. Farrar. The works of these faculties ranged from acrylic to photography and even tapestries.

"Emily J. Gomez and Roxanne C. Farrar really took on the concept of the idea (old to new), and they were willing to work with me," said Strickland. It seemed that their works, "got into the idea of growing into an artist, even with the very high level of vulnerability that was present."

As for Strickland, she is truly enjoying her last year as an undergraduate student, and she "wants to go to a master's program in art education or museum management." Looking back on her time here at GCSU, she remembers always enjoying painting and how she contemplated studio art; however, she found that

museum study was the field for her.

She sees her dream career allowing her to become a "director of a children's museum" or a "curator for a larger institution."

"Art is a constant in my life, and we all are artists," said Strickland. "We each have a different eye for a different style."

The faculty exhibit, which was held Jan. 14 through Feb. 7, fulfilled Strickland's capstone thesis project and certainly shined a light on the growth of an artist.

Within the exhibit was a tree that was carved to create music, and through Ernesto Gomez's work, one can see a possible metaphor of how artists grow and change. The growth of all the artists is seen thorough out their works, and this exhibit is definitely "Transformative Collection."



ROCHELLE SMALLS / STAFF REPORTER
Strickland proudly presents her concept and the art behind it.



Art by Fadhili Mshana



Art by Ernesto Gomez



Art by Valerie Aranda

Is one the loneliest number?



ANA MARIA LUGO
COLUMNIST

Oh Valentine's Day. A day of adoring your significant other with flowers, chocolates and hallmark cards. A day to proclaim, reassess and celebrate your love for that special person, showering them with hugs and kisses and whisper sweet-nothings to their ears. Yup, the certain cheesiness is highlighted this time of year and you can either hate it or love it.

If you hate it, then the concept of Valentine's Day as Single Awareness Day also known as S.A.D., must not be new to you. It is a day when many around the world (yes, the world!) commiserate singledom.

Single. Uno. One.

Paul McCartney even went so far as to sing a song about this number. And he said it was lonely.

But ironically, 'alone' is a relative term. There are more singletons out there than you think. They're just not walking around campus with goofy smiles.

Well, you could have that goofy smile too. I must say I have a particularly fond memory of what was going to be another single Valentine's Day not so long ago. I gathered all my single friends and we ate at Peaches Barbecue (a huge group, mind you of boys and gals), and completely depleted them of food.

Another year, a bunch of us girls dressed up to have dinner at Little Tokyo, which actually turned out to be date land in Milledgeville. We were each other's date.

Go ahead, you can say it sounds lame, but I think there's a comfort in knowing your friends are "suffering" with you, and besides its hard to poke fun at cheesy couples by yourself or in your bedroom wallowing all alone.

I'm not gonna lie, but there were moments when there was a little pang and a little bite when I would look over at the next table and see a guy give a girl flowers. And plus, they were holding hands and coyly smiling at each other, and she was probably batting her eye lashes too, but I digress. It was the sweetest thing ever. Annoyingly sweet, but sweet none-the-less. It does feel wonderful to appreciated. And it feels amazing to have someone care for you perhaps more than you do.

But a significant other isn't the only one who can assure you that you are loved. My friends got me through every single time and prevented any one of us from wallowing (too much) or ingesting more than the recommended pints of Ben & Jerry's.

You can either take singledom as that "lonely" number or you can rock it and think "hell ya" you don't have to spend tons of money on this highly commercialized holiday. Throw a party. Do something nice for yourself. Spend it with fellow singletons and stop wasting energy being miserable and scowling at those celebrating with a significant other.

There are 100 million single people out there. Now, I don't know about you but that seems like a pretty big number.

So go be single. Enjoy it and mingle.

Ana Maria is not in fact single this Valentine's Day (hooray!) but she has had a few years of celebrating Single Awareness Day under her belt and can still recall those celebrations pretty clearly. She is not a relationship expert, or any expert for that matter, but she does however on occasion, enjoy leaving the features desk and write about her musings for a change.

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Single Awareness Day (S.A.D.)

- A humorous holiday invented to commiserate singledom, a day invented to combat Valentine's Day blues, and a day to celebrate that it is ok to be single!

- Many people celebrate S.A.D. on Feb. 14. However, many people also celebrate it the day after Valentines Day apparently because celebrating it on the day of was too depressing for some.

- According to the U.S. Trademark and Patent Office, both Single Awareness Day and Singles Awareness Day, are trademarks held by John Byrd and John E. Norman, attorneys from Arkansas and Kentucky.

- According to one website, many participants of S.A.D. celebrate the day by buying the candies that go one sale on or shortly after Valentine's Day.

- There are over 100 million single people in America representing a new majority. In fact an organization called Unmarried America, was founded to foster and cultivate the interest of this group.

- Many countries around the world celebrate a form of "singles" day. This includes China which celebrate their singles day on Nov. 11.

www.singleawareness.com, www.uspto.gov, www.unmarriedamerica.org, www.wikipedia.org



Enlighten your singledom

Workshop Series: Zen and the Art of The Vagina Monologues
Falling in Love

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The internationally renowned play celebrates its tenth anniversary this year and has included top female performers such as Glenn Close and Jane Fonda. The grassroots movement to stop violence against women and girls will be presenting its third show at GCSU on Feb. 14 and Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in Magnolia Ballroom. The play honors female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery. Tickets are five dollars for students and may be purchased at the door. This event is a part of the series of events sponsored by the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity.

Knight

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received is the Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Order of Academic Palms), and it is one of the oldest distinctions in French culture. It is an Order of France created for academics and educators. The order was originally introduced by Napoleon in 1808 to honor outstanding members of the University of Paris. It was re-created once again on Oct. 4, 1955, by President René Coty. The Palmes Académiques were first given only to teachers or professors of French culture, but then in the mid-1800s, the order decided to include other individuals for their distinguished services toward the French national education.

The Ordre des Palmes Académiques has three rankings. The first rank is a Commandeur (commander), who receives a medallion that is worn around the neck. Then there is an Officier (officer), who receives a medallion on a ribbon with a rosette that is worn on the left breast. The third rank is a Chevalier (knight), who receives a medallion on a ribbon that

is worn on the left breast.

Individuals may not apply for the Ordre des Palmes Académiques but must be nominated. Noël was nominated by the French Cultural Attaché in Chicago. The Ordre des Palmes Académiques, with

Milledgeville from the French Consul in Atlanta.

When asked him what students thought about him being an honorary knight, he said "students don't know about it, because I don't brag about my award."

Sophomore literature major Olivia Dowd said, "He's a wonderful teacher; an extremely patient and understanding professor. He is always willing to work with you."

When asked some of Noël's students about him being a knight, sophomore marketing major Allie Adeli said, "I didn't know until recently that he was a knight. It doesn't effect how I think of him. Professor Noël is a great teacher; he is extremely intelligent. He always shares such useful knowledge and random facts with us during class."

Noël doesn't flaunt his award around; instead he leaves it behind him when he walks out of his office.

"I appreciate this great honor from the French government for my many years of working on behalf of French culture, language and everything else I was a part of," Noël said.



Photo Courtesy of the Web

its distinctive insignia, is rather selective: as of 2002 there were only 11 recipients in Georgia. It is the second oldest decoration in France after the Legion of Honor.

Professor Noël received the decoration in 1994 at the Governors Mansion in

Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Order of Academic Palms)

- Napoleon originally awarded this honor
- Second oldest decoration award in France
- Chevalier, or knight -- highest rank out of three
- Individuals must be nominated to win any rank of the award
- Only 11 award recipients from Georgia in 2002



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Pedaling for a cause

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Two bikes, two days and two-thousand dollars. They say good things come in pairs, but the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi never imagined such success.

Pi Kappa Phi hosted its first fund-raising event last week and raised nearly \$2,900. Fraternity brothers and pledges of Pi Kappa Phi cycled on the lawn of the A&S courtyard for 36 consecutive hours to collect donations for Pedal for Push, an event held by the local chapter to fund its national philanthropy, Push America.

Push America began in 1977 and has since increased funds and awareness for treatment of the mentally disabled.

"Anything we do charity wise is for Push America," said Alex Beck, Pi Kappa Phi vice president. "They're our national philanthropy. We want to raise awareness for people with disabilities and raise money for Push America by collecting

donations."

Push America has experienced great success through its mission project, Journey of Hope, where cyclists stop to perform service acts across the country. Through Pedal for Push the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi are "expanding their charitable horizons and increasing volunteer assistance."

This is the first time Pedal for Push has been held on the GCSU campus.

The fraternity members pedaled on two stationary bikes, working in shifts to ensure one member was pedaling at all times.

"We even had two guys riding throughout the night just to keep warm," said Beck, who had his fair share of cycling throughout the event.

The cyclists gathered donations from friends who largely contributed to the event's financial success.

"We even had one guy raise \$130," said Paul Sedor, assistant director of The GIVE Center and the fraternity's on-campus adviser.

To encourage participation, the brothers held a raffle for a flat-screen TV and a gift card to Little Tokyo.

Beck received a grant through the Inspire by Example program, initiated by The GIVE Center's director, Kendall Stiles.

This program awards student organizations up to \$100 for event start-up costs. Beck applied for the grant early last semester and the fraternity will receive the funds after a project completion report has been submitted.

With the help of The GIVE Center, Pi Kappa Phi is "utilizing our campus resources" says Sedor. "It's a good thing to see."

Pi Kappa Phi received the first of three grants given this year. Sedor encourages other organizations to seek out grants and other assistance from The GIVE Center. To receive information and to apply for a grant, see Paul Sedor or Kendall Stiles at The GIVE Center.



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ADPi

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the University of Georgia ADPi chapter, Beta Nu. "Sororities really need to take a stand regardless of if the statistics apply to us specifically."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention list side effects of binge drinking: unintentional injury, alcohol poisoning, sexual transmitted disease, unintended pregnancy, liver disease, neurological damage and cardio vascular disease.

The ADPi members learned more common affects of binge drinking affecting students on a daily bases include missing class and falling

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Director of Standard
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behind in schoolwork.

Ebert's presentation outlined tips for reducing the risks of alcohol use and binge drinking: obey-

ing the law, knowing what a standard drink is, slowly drinking one drink per hour, setting limits and keeping track, alternating alcoholic drinks with non-alcoholic drinks and avoiding drinking games.

Billings said the ADPi chapter at GCSU will be planning an alcohol awareness event later this semester to help promote the ideas shared by Ebert. Details of the alcohol awareness event will be released through Facebook.

"(Ebert's) tips are really helpful not just for ADPi and the Greek system, but for the entire student body at GCSU," said Billings. "However, the whole Greek system can set a better example."



CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

If I were given a hundred million dollars to budget a film, I think I could've balanced a price like that a little more evenly between a bunch of quirky special effects and teenage drama. I don't know what director Doug Liman thought he was doing with such a large budget, but with low visual and emotional quality, along with just 88 minutes of reel time, he'll need a lot more than just a bunch of advertisement-drawn consumers to redeem this one. With any luck, he'll probably get off on the high price of tickets these days.

When David Rice (Hayden Christensen) learns of a genetic power that enables him to transport, or in this case, teleport himself anywhere he wishes, it seems like a cool gift for any young man (especially if they're looking to reunite with a former crush, Rachel Bilson), but when a fellow "jumper" (Jamie Bell) informs him of the centuries old war that has raged on between jumpers and paladins, it is up to David and his friends to band together

Not so much a 'jumper'

and defeat an evil paladin leader (Samuel L. Jackson) who has sworn to destroy all jumpers.

Being the Star Wars geek that I am, it has always puzzled me how Harrison Ford could be the only star to really get a career launch from his supporting days in the galaxy, while all the leads went practically nowhere, and unfortunately, the same thing is happening

"If your character's last name ever was 'Skywalker,' I hope Lucas paid you well."

Chris Moskaly,
Reviewer

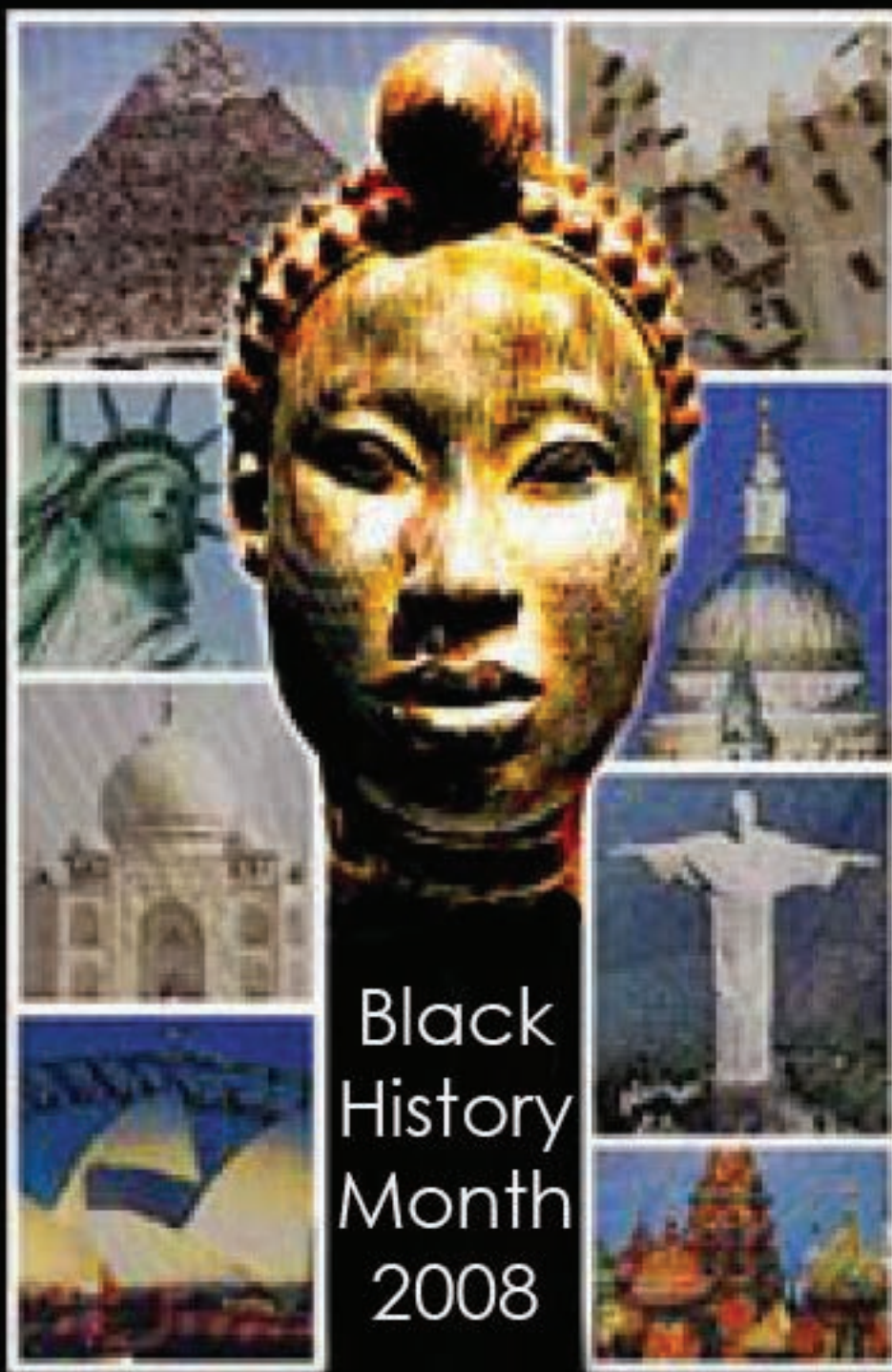
to another young Skywalker. Hayden Christensen can turn to the dark side for anyone's benefit all he wants and garner plenty of thumbs, but staying awake during an operation ('Awake'), or using a fantasy gift that enables him to have lunch in Egypt and dinner in Rome on the same day, I can't say that anyone other than George Lucas

did any favors for this kid.

From reprising the bad man Shaft to sporting a ridiculous purple light saber, Samuel L. Jackson has just about done everything possible as far as getting into character in Hollywood, but to see him with hair dyed as white as snow, I just about died. He may have done similar characters before, but this is certainly a look that his fans will either love or hate, but laugh at either way. I guess I should just be glad there weren't any snakes crawling through the snow this time ("Snakes on a Plane" and "Black Snake Moan" in the same year ... how ironic).

Doug Liman may have found some moderate success when he was at the helm of "The Bourne Identity," or "Mr. And Mrs. Smith," but something about the way he guides this mixed cast of young and olds is really just a jumbled mess. The plot comes off really vague and childish, and then carries itself out to practically nothing, other than a bunch of random teleportations to scenic locations, and an easy opening for sequels, which could either redeem or bury this over hyped saga all together.

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Bobcats serve up hot start



Left: Freshman Francis Yoshimoto returns a volley last Saturday against Georgia Southwestern at the Centennial Center courts. The Bobcats beat all three of their opening weekend opponents.

Right: Sophomore Dianne Danna crushes a serve in her match last Saturday against Georgia Southwestern. Danna teamed up with senior Celine Martin to win their doubles match 8-2.



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BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU tennis teams kicked off their seasons this weekend in dominating fashion. The men's team won all three of its contests, and the ladies were victorious in each of their two.

Friday, Feb. 9, was the first day of matches for GCSU, when the men faced Morehouse College at home. The No. 20 Bobcats simply overmatched the Maroon Tigers,

taking all seven matches.

The wins included a sweep of the two doubles matches, with red-shirt junior Erick Siquera and sophomore Giovanni Nucci taking victory in the first-team doubles match 8-5 and the rookie-veteran connection of freshman Francis Yoshimoto and senior Matthew Belenchia controlling the second-team doubles match 8-2.

The No. 17 ladies would have to wait until Saturday to be unleashed. When they finally got

a shot at the competition, the Lady Bobcats took full advantage.

The opponent was Georgia Southwestern State University, also the first Peach Belt Conference foe of the season, and the Lady Bobcats looked impressive in a 9-0 victory.

The doubles teams lost only three total games, with the first team of senior Celine Martin and sophomore Diane Danna taking their match 8-2, the second team of junior Marjorie Ceppo and sen-

ior Sofia Intriago coming away with an 8-1 win, and the third team of junior Marie Lefevre and freshman Bertille Lion recorded an 8-0 shutout.

Singles competition turned out to be just as mismatched, with Martin, Ceppo, Danna, Lefevre, Intriago, and Lion each picking up convincing wins.

Head coach Steve Barsby likes

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Sellers: 'We can be a hard team to beat'

BY MITCHELL DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Every home game, the GCSU Bobcats basketball team put on an offensive show for the fans.

They have won by an average of almost 30 points a game while playing at the Centennial Center. Their overwhelming success at home has helped them rank third in the current Peach Belt Conference standings.

Head coach Terry Sellers said the team is performing like he thought they would. The University of South Carolina at Aiken and Augusta State University are leading the conference with 13-1 and 12-2 PBC records respectively. GCSU follows them in the rankings and has five teams close on their heels.

"It's as competitive as it's ever been; up and down from top to bottom it's stronger," Sellers said. "I don't think I've ever seen it any stronger from top to bottom."

GCSU still controls its destiny within the region. The Bobcats have five region road games that can make or break their season.

Their last game on the road the team shot 54 percent vaulting them to a win over North Georgia College & State University. Building on this will be key for the Bobcats to make a run at a region title.

"As a coach, I can see it coming together better," said Sellers. "That's why I think this team has a good run in it. I think we can be a hard team to beat as we continue

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Sophomore outfielder Brett DiFelice (41) reaches first base Tuesday, as the throw pulls Shorter's first baseman off the bag.

'Cats stump Shorter

BY SCOTT THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU baseball team won its fourth consecutive game in convincing fashion Tuesday, shutting out the Shorter College Hawks, 9-0.

But the No. 13 Bobcat bats did not dominate the seventy-sixth contest between the two teams as the score might suggest. In fact, through the first five innings, the Bobcats had only scored one run on four hits.

That run came in the bottom of the first when sophomore center fielder Sean Harrell singled, advanced on a balk and eventually scored on a groundout by sophomore third basemen Brooks Robinson.

Hawks starter Ben Erichson pitched well through the next three innings before a vicious line drive off the bat of freshman

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Softball kicks off big '08 season

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU softball team is not dropping their heads after a 2-2 start to the season last weekend at the Early Bird Tournament in Aiken, S.C.

The Lady Bobcats started the season off Saturday with two wins, but Sunday the team dropped two tight games.

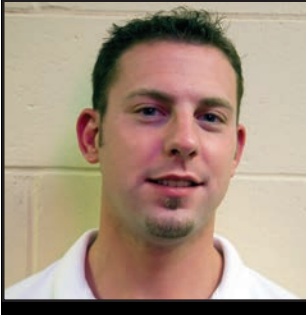
Head Coach Ginger Chaffinch was especially pleased with the team's pitching.

"We played pretty well on Saturday, we hit the ball well, and we had good pitching," Chaffinch said. "Our first two games were pretty good, we continued to have good pitching on Sunday, but we just didn't do what we need to do at the plate."

The No. 23 Lady Bobcats opened the season against Alderson-Broadus College. Junior pitcher Mandy Chandler dominated the Battlers lineup striking out 15 batters in seven innings to record the shutout.

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

MLB: A great day gone bad

Something is bothering me today.

Here I am sitting at my computer on a Wednesday afternoon, a day away from Major League pitchers and catchers reporting to their various spring training locations, and the only thing that anyone is talking about is Roger Clemens.

Of course, unless you have been stuck in a box for the last 20 years you know that Roger Clemens is the former Red Sock, Blue Jay, Yankee, Astro, seven-time Cy Young Award winning pitcher, who has been engulfed in scandal brought upon by his inclusion in Senator George Mitchell's December report to Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig on performance enhancing drugs.

Clemens spent the day, Wednesday, on Capitol Hill testifying about his alleged drug use before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee of Congress.

Yes, that is big news, and I, like many, many sports fans am in fact sitting here watching the hearing. So far, it has managed to absolutely disgust me, and I am starting to wonder what to believe.

I have never seen Clemens look less confident, and Brian McNamee, Clemens former trainer turned accuser, appeared a little overwhelmed, himself.

Is it just me, or does Andy Pettitte, who admitted to using HGH himself, look like the most believable person?

I don't want to talk about what is going on in our nation's capitol anymore, instead I want to turn the focus to Arizona and Florida, where the rest of the baseball world should be focused.

There are a few days that stick out in my mind as great days to look forward to every year and two of them involve Major League Baseball, one is the day that pitchers and catchers report, and of course, the other is opening day.

So let's talk Spring Training. Eight teams will have opened their respec-

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THE SHORT STOP



Upcoming Sports

Basketball:

Saturday @Lander
Monday Columbus St.
Wednesday @GA SW

Tennis:

Saturday vs. West Florida
Sunday Alabama-Huntsville

Baseball:

Saturday 3 p.m. (DH) Ohio Valley
Sunday 1 p.m. Ohio Valley
Tuesday 3 p.m. Montevallo
Wednesday 3 p.m. Benedict

Softball:

Saturday @Lincoln-Memorial
Sunday @Tusculum

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The number of home games that the GCSU baseball team will host this week. The team will play a double-header on Saturday, as well as games on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday climbin' clinics popular among students

BY MATTHEW CHAMBERS
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The unusual sight of students triumphantly reaching the top of a large tree captivated gazes and caused many passing students to stop and watch participants of Venture Out's tree-climbing clinics held on Wednesdays.

Whether killing time before a class or just hanging around on Front Campus, students can choose to climb up a tree during Venture Out's tree-climbing clinics. The clinics are scheduled almost weekly on main campus.

Students have the option

of conquering the tree or simply being hoisted off the ground about five feet and swinging through the air under the careful supervision of Venture Out's tree climbing specialist, Daniel Diddlemeyer, nicknamed "The Diddey."

Upset that her early class was cancelled, Roxanne Barnett, a creative writing major, decided to give the tree climbing clinic a shot.

"I was about eight feet high—which isn't terribly high," Barnett said. "But to me it was."

While most students just watched others climb, many want to experience it themselves but are too busy

or have a class to attend.

"(I) would love to climb up because it looks like a lot of fun and a great way to enjoy nature," said general business major Michelle York.

York says one day she'll find the time to take advantage of the clinics.

During the climb, students can choose how high they push themselves, so even those afraid of heights can take advantage of the

clinics and go progressively higher each time.

Despite being allowed to choose the height of the climb, some students like Jeffrey Ivie, a freshman chemistry major, have no intentions of ever leaving the ground.

"You'd never catch me that high," Ivie said, gazing at a student reaching the treetop.

Venture Out is an RSO that focuses on providing students the opportunity to challenge themselves in

nature. The costs of Venture Out are covered in the student activity fee, and there are no membership requirements for students to join. All activities are open to everyone on campus.

Tree climbing is not the only nature activity the group facilitates.

Venture Out takes students on various trips during the year such as the hiking trip to Pine Mountain later this month. Students can also rock climb, skydive, kayak and ski.

Recently a group of students came back from a trip in which they swam with manatees.

Many students choose to

pass on the opportunities Venture Out provides because they fear the activities are unsafe.

"Safe is a relative term," said Diddlemeyer. "There's risk involved in everything."

Students who wish to sign up for Venture Out trips or want more information should e-mail venture-out@gcsu.edu. Or they can stop and talk with Diddlemeyer during a clinic on campus.

Venture Out also has a Facebook group which students can join to stay informed with the newest trips as well as upload pictures from previous trips.

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Junior second baseman Lindsey Swanson knocked in both of the Lady Bobcats' runs, while junior first baseman Kori Pickowitz made her GCSU debut in a big way with three hits in as many chances.

The second game was not nearly as close. The Lady Bobcats bats came alive producing 11 runs, while the defense surrendered only four to the University of Charleston.

Sophomore pitcher Jana Shiver got the start on the mound. In five innings of work, she fanned five Golden Eagles before Junior Tonya Medders took over to record the save in the final two innings.

Junior centerfielder Sherquita Bostick, a junior college transfer, notched two hits and three RBI's in the game, while sophomore shortstop Kayla Smith and senior outfielder Brianna Hope each recorded three hits.

The outcomes Sunday were not as bright for the Lady Bobcats with losses to No. 21 Kutztown University and West Virginia Wesleyan College.

In the first game GCSU faced their first major challenge against Kutztown.

Chandler pitched well striking out 10 bear hitters in seven innings, but surrendered four runs to take her first loss of the season.

Bostick highlighted the Lady Bobcat's offense with a two-for-four performance including a double, while junior first baseman Chelsea Wilson added a pinch-hit homerun, but it would not be enough as the team could only muster two runs.

"The game was tight the whole time," Chandler said. "I really thought we were better than them – I'm always going to say that – we faced a couple of unexpected issues with the sun. Our catcher couldn't really see for a couple of innings and it was kind of a tough start. But, we just couldn't really figure out how to hit (their pitcher), but I think if we saw her again it would be a lot different."

In the late game three errors would prove to be the difference in the 3-1 game.

"We started strong coming out Saturday and getting those first two wins," Pickowitz said. "We didn't finish as strong as we would like but I think in the next couple of weekends we will play solid ball."

Chaffinch and Chandler both stressed that they feel the team will do good things this year.

"I think we're going to



COURTNEY MURRAH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior outfielder Brianna Hope warms up her arm during practice at the Peeler Complex last week. GCSU softball had a hot start on Saturday winning their first two games of the season, but fell in both Sunday contests of the Early Bird Tournament in Aiken, S.C.

have a really good season," Chaffinch said. "Our goal is always to win the conference and make it back to regionals for the third year in a row."

Chaffinch and her players agree that this team has great chemistry that should translate into wins as the season progresses.

"Chemistry is so key," Chandler said. "I think it's tough for girls to play well when they don't really care for each other. I definitely have a lot better chemistry with the girls than last year and that should help a lot. It feels a lot more like two years ago when we went to nationals and we all loved each other."

The Lady Bobcats are back in action this weekend when they travel to Tennessee. Saturday they travel to Lincoln Memorial University and Sunday they play Tusculum College. Their first home game is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 27, when they host the University of West Georgia.

"Last weekend was kind of an eye opener," returning starting catcher Shelby Lindsey, a senior, said. "I think we had glimpses of how we should play – we didn't play up to our potential – but I think we learned the things we need to learn to have the strong season we expect."

Frisbee club to hold work day

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GCSU's Bobcat Frisbee Club will host a workday on Sat. Feb. 16, at Myrtle Ridge Disc Golf Course starting at 10 a.m.

The workday will consist of clearing vegetation for individual holes on the course.

Clippers and other tools are provided but everyone is encouraged to bring his or her own tools to make sure there are enough for everyone. Workers should wear durable clothing and bring gloves and boots if possible.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers, and discs will be on sale to raise money for the Bobcat Frisbee Club. Workers will also be eligible for prizes and other giveaways.

At 2 p.m., everyone will be invited to participate in a disc golf tournament on the completed holes, with additional

prizes for top contestants.

"We'd like you to come out and participate in Frisbee events on Georgia College's campus because it will make you happy," said Doug Oetter, faculty advisor to the Bobcat Frisbee Club.

Myrtle Ridge is an 18-hole disc golf course under construction on the West Campus of GCSU.

Begun in 2007, the course is challenging yet fair, with mostly tight forest and shrub obstacles and moderate elevation changes.

The course is located near the intramural fields at West Campus.

The Bobcat Frisbee Club at GCSU promotes disc sports such as disc golf and ultimate.


The purpose of the club is to bring together those who wish to indulge in ultimate, disc golf or freestyle, and provide instruction, coordination, and development of flying disc-related activities.

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1. GCSU Golf
2. GCSU Basketball
3. Sport controversies

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SwimCats place fourth at opener in New Orleans

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The GCSU Swim Cats Swim Club took home fourth place from the Mardi Gras Swim Invitational held at Tulane University last Saturday.

The Mardi Gras Swim Invitational was Tulane's first home meet since Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005.

Members of the GCSU Swim Cats, including Charlotte Petonic, Kat Hollstein, John Goose, Blaire Bachman, Rachel Isabell, Andrea Sisson, Paul Wyche, Mary Bain, Sarah Gallagher and Taylor Hayes, traveled to compete against seven teams from all over the Southeast.

"Our team was very enthusiastic about swimming this weekend after weeks of hard training. Each swimmer competed in four individual events and two relays that varied in distance and stroke," said Charlotte Petonic, meet correspondent for the Swim Cats. "I was proud to see our swimmers step up to the challenge especially since we are a third of the size of the other teams."

In attendance were teams from the University of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology, Tulane University, Pennsylvania State University, Florida State University, University of Florida and GCSU.

"This was my first meet

with the Swim Cats, and it turned out to be an incredible experience," said Paul Wyche, a new member. "We're all bonding so much over the past three days and I was able to see all my hard work from our 5 a.m. practices pay off."

The Swim Cats' hard work paid off with a fourth place finish overall. Top ten finishes from Taylor Hayes (50, 100 and 500 free), Kat Hollstein (100 back and 500 free), Blaire Bachman (50 and 100 free, 50 back, and 50 fly). The women also place fourth on the 200 free relay.

The GCSU Swim Cats look to their next meet at Furman University on Feb. 16.

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first basemen Benton Yaun struck Erichson in the face, prematurely ending his start in the bottom of the fifth. Erichson walked off the field with assistance from trainers.

The Bobcats finally padded their early lead in the sixth inning.

After junior catcher Pete Paris singled to lead off, Robinson delivered the first extra-base hit of the afternoon, a triple off the right-center field wall. Sophomore outfielder Andrew Evans followed with a single, and the

Bobcats' lead grew to three.

In the seventh, the Bobcats blew the game apart with some assistance from the Hawks. Five hits, two walks, two balks and an error resulted in five runs for GCSU.

The Bobcats put one more on the board in the eighth inning when freshman catcher Richard Pirkle homered to left for his first hit as a Bobcat.

Robinson led the offense, going 1-4 with a triple, three RBI's and two runs scored.

"I wanted to be the guy that kick started the team," said the sophomore from Evans, Ga. "He was trying to stay away with his pitches, but I just went with it."



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior ace Sean Heimpel fires a pitch against Shorter College on Tuesday afternoon. Heimpel teamed with three other Bobcat pitchers to shutout Shorter 9-0. The No. 13 Bobcats are currently 4-2 and host five home games this week.

The Bobcats' ace, Sean Heimpel, led the Bobcats to their first shutout of the season with his first strong start. He pitched five innings to earn the win, giving up four hits and two walks while recording two strikeouts.

"My last two starts weren't that good," Heimpel said. "Today I wanted a good start to build momentum. I wanted to locate my fastball and keep it down."

The Bobcats needed a solid start from Heimpel.

During their previous five games, the Bobcats had allowed fewer than six runs only once, and fewer than ten runs only twice.

Head coach Tom Carty agrees that the pitching must improve.

"We have to pitch better," he said. "We can pitch better one through nine than we have been."

While the pitching may have questions, the offense of late for GCSU has been sensational. Over the weekend, the Bobcats swept a three game series against Alabama-Huntsville in which they scored a total of 37 runs. Tuesday, they continued the trend with the 9-0 blowout.

Despite victory, Carty is not ready to pat his team on the back.

"(I'm) still waiting for all three aspects (of the game) to come together for a full nine innings," Carty said. "I was a little disappointed in the attitude today. I want to see more energy from this team."

The Bobcats will play five games at home this week, hosting Ohio Valley University on Saturday and Sunday, the No. 18 University of Montevallo on Tuesday and Benedict College on Wednesday.

Basketball

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down the stretch and even into the tournament. I think this team's got possibilities of doing something special these last two weeks."

Players like junior guard Shaun Keaton and sophomore guard Graham Martin have had steady seasons anchoring the team with consistent performances every game.

Senior center Aaron Clark is finally getting over injuries and putting up scoring and rebounding numbers that are reminiscent of last year.

Sellers uses junior guard Ken Kemp as a defensive weapon, usually asking him to guard an opposing team's leading scorer from the perimeter.

Armstrong Atlantic State University is

GCSU's next opponent. With an 8-6 PBC record, Armstrong is just behind GCSU in the region standings.

The Bobcats have already won a game over the Pirates at home this year but have not defeated them on the road in over four years.

Sellers is positive about the rest of the year for his Bobcats saying the team still has potential for an outstanding season. Even tough losses are aiding the team in preparation for upcoming games.

"We learn from our losses, and I think we are a better team because sometimes those close losses really expose you as a team and really help us as coaches know what we need to work on," Sellers said.

GCSU's next home game will be Feb. 18 against Columbus State University. Everyone is encouraged to show their support by coming out and cheering their Bobcats to another crucial win.

Tennis

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the way his ladies team is set up.

"We have an ideal lineup of a senior at the first spot and a junior at number two," he said. "Since two new players are at the third and fourth spots, there is less pressure on them early in the season and they have time to adjust."

The men's team moved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the PBC on Saturday, following the ladies' lead by sweeping the Hurricanes 9-0.

The doubles teams were not generous, giving GSW only one game each in their matches. The 8-1 victories came from the familiar combinations of Siquera/Nucci and Belenchia/Yoshimoto, as well as a new third team of sophomores Max Beliankou and Joao Casagrande.

In singles play, Siquera came out a winner in a hard-fought match, in which he dropped the first set but recovered to win the next two, including a 7-6 final set with a 7-3 tiebreaker.

The other singles players saw little resistance from the Hurricanes, with the exception of senior Tony Bertucci, who prevailed in the only other match that required a third set.

Sunday completed the marathon first weekend for the Bobcats, with their first ranked opponent, No. 33 Limestone College, hosting GCSU at their Gaffney, S.C. campus.

The improved competition, the road trip and inclement weather combined to make things difficult for the Bobcats.

The ladies dropped their first match of the season but would win the eight others to improve to 2-0 on the season. The men had significantly more trouble with the Saints, scratching out a 5-4 overall win that pushed them to 3-0.

The ladies' only loss was recorded by the second doubles team, but the Martin/Danna and Lefevre/Lion teams were again strong in victories.

The Lady Bobcats were again too much for their opponent in singles play, winning all six matches in convincing fashion. Junior Gabby Acuna picked up her first win of the season, in her first match, to compliment victories from Martin, Ceppo, Lefevre and Intriago. Lefevre took her match 6-0, 6-0 and has shut out both of her opponents this season.

"The ladies are playing great this season," Barsby said. "The Limestone matches were affected a lot by the weather; it was just a bad day to play tennis, but we still came out on top."

The men's team ran into a Saints team that came to play and did not back down from the higher-ranked Bobcats.

It took five hard-fought singles wins from Siquera, Yoshimoto, Nucci, Beliankou and Casagrande to make up for the doubles teams dropping all three matches.

Barsby was optimistic about the season overall, but was disappointed with the results on Sunday.

"I'm more worried about the guys than the girls this year in terms of results," he said. "I will definitely change up the doubles teams a bit this week and see what happens."

The opening weekend provided an easy start to the season, but the road quickly becomes rocky for the Bobcats. A Feb. 16 trip to Columbus to face The University of West Florida will be a harsh measuring stick for both teams.

"It's too soon to know what we have," Barsby said. "Both West Florida teams are in the top five, so that will show us something."

After the tough road match-up, the Bobcats return home to face the University of Alabama at Huntsville on Feb. 17.

Both Bobcat teams look to be strong contenders in the PBC this season and look to build on their early success.

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tive camps on Thursday, Feb. 14, by Sunday pitchers and catchers from all 30 teams will be in action.

The most interesting stories heading into spring training this year that do not involve steroids and HGH are the big pitching trades (Johan Santana to

the Mets and Erik Bedard to Seattle), the Cubs 100-year world championship drought, and the ferocious look of the Tigers line-up.

Yes, 2008 shows a lot of promise, but will it be enough to win back the fans that have grown increasingly tired of the drug scandals?

I really believe that MLB's tarnished image is going to be incredibly hard to clean up. I have talked to

many fans, that have pretty much given up on the game.

Baseball will rely, especially this year, on the die-hard fans, such as myself.

I only hope that they can work through this mess that these drugs have created and bring this great sport back into the people's good graces.

After all there is no better sport than baseball.

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Friday, February 15

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Educator Expo - Augusta State University
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Workshop on International Learning Outcomes and Assessment - Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning
7 p.m. The Vagina Monologues - Magnolia Ballroom

Saturday, February 16

3 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. Ohio Valley
Kurtz Field- West Campus

Sunday, February 17

1 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. Ohio Valley
Kurtz Field - West Campus
3 p.m. Flannery O' Conner- Andalusia Lecture Series: Cathy Fussell - Main house Dining room

Monday, February 18

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. GCSU's Next Top Professional Series: Extreme Resume Makeover - 232 Lanier Hall
5:30 p.m. GCSU to Honor Student-Athlete Success - Centennial Center
5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. Columbus State - Centennial Center
5:30 p.m. Black History Trivia Night with the Lady Bobcats - Centennial Center
7:30 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. Columbus State - Centennial Center
7:30 p.m. Black History Trivia Night with the Bobcats - Centennial Center

Tuesday, February 19

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. GCSU's Next Top Professional Series: Branding, Marketing, & Selling Yourself to Employers - Museum Education Room
3 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. #14 Montevallo
Kurtz Field- West Campus
7 p.m. James Baldwin Play: Down From the Mountaintop - Magnolia Ballroom
7:30 p.m. Songs in Music Therapy- Arts and Science Auditorium

Wednesday, February 20

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. GCSU's Next Top Professional Series: From Test Scores to Credit Scores- Museum Education Room
12:30 p.m. SGA Meeting- Student Activities Center- 3rd Floor
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting- 107 Atkinson Hall
12:30 p.m. Women on Wednesday- Women's Resource Center
3 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. Benedict - Kurtz Field- West Campus
3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Zen and the Art of Falling in Love (Workshop Series) -130 Lanier Hall

Thursday, February 21

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Dan McCleary- The Artist's Process: Paintings, Prints, and Drawings- Blackbridge Hall
6 p.m. "Every Time the Beat Drops" - Museum Education Room

Please send calendar submissions to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu.

NOW HEAR THIS

Nutrition tips for food shopping

In observance of Wise Health Consumer Month, the Wellness Depot and the Exercise Science Senior Students will be hosting a Healthy Food Consumer Program. They will be meeting students at Kroger on different days to answer nutrition questions. They will answer questions such as "What should I be looking for on nutrition labels?" or "Which foods are better for me to eat?" The next two meetings will be on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 12 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 22 at 12 p.m. To register for a meeting or get more information contact the Wellness Depot at 478-445-7500 or amy.whatley@gcsu.edu.

Visiting artist gives lecture

The Department of Art presents a Public Lecture with Artist Dan McCleary on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Located in Mayfair Hall in the Art History Room 101. The lecture will be focused on each artist's different style of creating works. Dan McCleary will be emphasizing each artist's different methods of researching, developing and completing their own

works of art. He will present a slide lecture and discuss his own painting narratives, as well as address his techniques methods from initial drawings to his finished paintings. McCleary's prints will be displayed in Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery.

GCSU's Next Top Professional Series

Enterprise will be on campus Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 12 p.m. in the Museum Education Room to present a program and provide lunch for up to 20 students. Melanie Foosse, recruiting manager for Enterprise, will present a program entitled, "Branding, Marketing and Selling Yourself to Employers." Students seeking internships and full-time jobs will learn firsthand what employers are looking for in a competitive job market.

This will be a great opportunity for students, plus lunch will be provided. Spaces are limited, so students will need to sign-up in the University Career Center by this Friday. Other events to look forward to this week are the Extreme Resume Makeover on Feb. 18, From Test Scores to Credit Scores with Consumer Credit Counseling on Feb. 20, and Dress for Success with Macys on Feb. 21.

Students who plan to attend programs on Feb. 19, 20 and 21 should pre-register with the Career Center since out-of-town guest speakers will be coming. Contact the University Career Center at 232 Lanier Hall or 478-445-5384.

"Every Times the Beat Drops" forum

On Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. the "Every Time the Beat Drops" open forum will be held in the Museum Education Room. This is a forum that will discuss the impact of hip-hop and rhythm and blues music on the African-American culture. "Every Time the Beat Drops" is sponsored by The Black Student Alliance and the GCSU Chapter of NAACP. For more information call the Office of Equity & Diversity at 478-445-4233.

Calling all women

The Women's Resource Center will be hosting "Women on Wednesday" this week on Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. Come out to discuss the role the media plays on body image. Bring magazines and be prepared to talk. For more information call the Women's Resource Center at 478-445-8156.

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Public Safety Report



Student's car vandalized

On Feb. 8 at approximately 11:42 a.m., a female reported that unknown person(s) vandalized her vehicle by pouring an unknown substance on it. The substance appears to be some type of cement mixture. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. Detective Butler has been given the case.

Dangerous drinking

On Feb. 9 at approximately 2:12 a.m., Officer Miller was dispatched to Foundation Hall in reference to an intoxicated student. Contact was made with the male, who was passed out in the bathroom with several friends trying to wake him up. EMS responded, and suggested that the male needed to go to the Emergency Room. The case has been turned over to Student Judiciary.

Can't spin out of this one

On Feb. 10 at approximately 3:39 a.m., Officer Baker received a request for assistance at The Village in reference to someone drag racing. Contact was made with Officer Smith from Milledgeville Police Department, who discovered a male had

been laying drag in the parking lot. Several black circular marks were observed in the lot and pictures were taken. The male was arrested by Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI, Reckless Driving and Laying Drag.

Another front campus theft

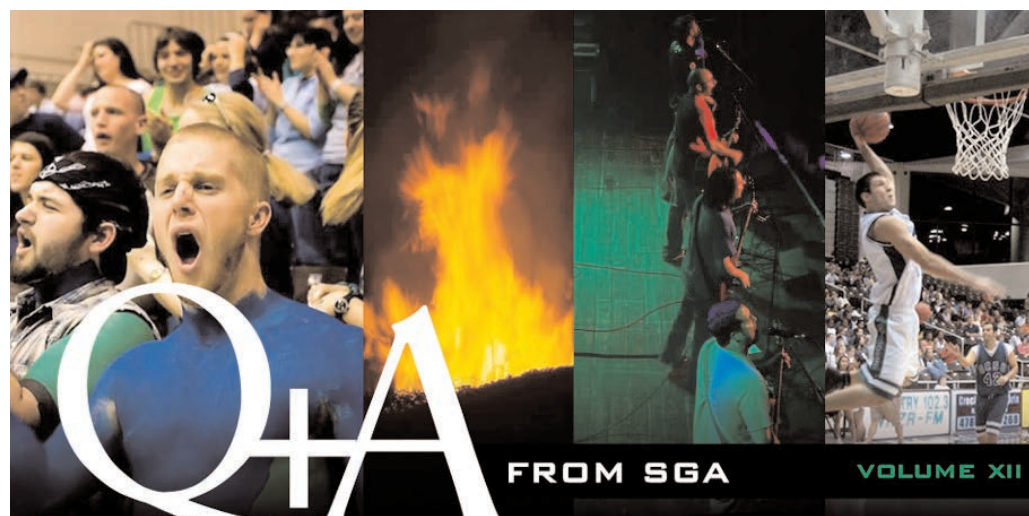
On Feb. 10 at approximately 3:33 p.m., a female reported that she was playing Frisbee in Front Campus between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. and had laid her wallet down on the ground. When she returned, the wallet was missing. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler.

Marijuana lands students in jail

On Feb. 11 at approximately 10:26 p.m., Officer Smith and Officer Miller were dispatched to Bobcat Village in reference to people smoking marijuana in an apartment. Contact was made with three students. All appeared to have bloodshot eyes, and there was an odor of incense burning in one bedroom. All three denied smoking marijuana. Consent was given to search the room and a baggie of suspected marijuana was in the room, and a prescription bottle was found in the refrigerator of the room. Two students admitted the marijuana belonged to them. The other turned over a pipe to Officer Smith stating they used the pipe to smoke the marijuana. All three subjects were arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana.

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WHY IS THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING WEEK worth it?

When the average person thinks of the word "Homecoming," they often think of football games, cheerleaders, bonfires, Mr. and Ms. of the university, tailgating, football again, and school pride. Georgia College & State University has had a "Homecoming" for the last few years, yet students don't really become a part of the activities and events that GCSU puts on. Many students wonder how we can have a "Homecoming" if we don't have a football team. Some people question the pride of the university and seemingly determine that students just don't have it. SGA and Campus Life realize that GCSU lacks university pride, and we have made it our goal to turn over a new leaf; encourage students to engage themselves and become a part of this fine university. "How are we going to do that?", you may ask.

One word...Homecoming. This year, Campus Life and SGA have set a goal to make Homecoming Week a week to remember. Traditions are being set, and annual activities are starting to form. This year's theme for Homecoming Week will be "Blue and Green Like You've Never Seen." Offices, departments and residence halls will be decorated in blue and green paraphernalia, and large banners will be hung on the four main buildings of Front Campus. Throughout Homecoming Week, different activities will be planned. On Tuesday, we are moving Sodex-Ho dining facilities out to the

Depot to host a "Yell-Like-Hell" pep rally, as well as have a student bonfire. Many other universities have a Homecoming bonfire, and GCSU is hosting its first ever this year.

On Wednesday, we will have a "College Bowl" which will be similar to GCSU trivia. Students will participate in teams, and large prizes will be given out to winners. Thursday will be the second round of the "College Bowl," as well as Movie Night hosted by CAB.

As many of you have heard, we have decided to bring a band to campus for the week of Homecoming. This was not coincidence; instead, we decided to bring Sister Hazel to GCSU during our Homecoming to start a tradition—a tradition of having a large band come to GCSU during Homecoming every year. Sister Hazel will be featured on Friday, Feb. 29, during Homecoming Week. For student, staff, faculty or alumni tickets, please visit the 1st floor of the Student Activity Center between 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For general admission tickets, please go to www.ticketweb.com. Five hundred free tickets will be given out to students at the different Homecoming events. However, tickets are going fast, so make sure to get yours today!

Saturday will start out early with the traditional Bobcat Ramble. After the ramble, GCSU will host the 2nd annual Homecoming Parade, brought to you by Student Affairs. RSO's, Mr. and Ms. GCSU candidates,

and other departments and groups will represent themselves by riding their creative floats around downtown Milledgeville in a parade. For information on how to sign up for the parade, contact Gina Peavy at gina.peavy@gcsu.edu for further details.

Sunday will be the major day of Homecoming Week. During the early afternoon, tailgating will be hosted in the Centennial Center parking lot before the games. After tailgating, the Women's and Men's basketball games will take place. GCSU Idol winner Marlon Washington will open the event by singing the national anthem. Throughout the game, GCSU's mascot, Thunder, will be introduced, and we will see performances by the Sassy Cats in both the women's and men's games. The winners for the decorating contest, the parade competition, and the spirit award will be announced, along with the crowning of Mr. and Ms. GCSU.

Homecoming Week can only become a huge event with the support of the students. SGA and Campus Life can plan activities all week long, but without student involvement, we have nothing. Help birth the school spirit of GCSU. Have some fun, and become a part of Homecoming Week 2008! For a full calendar of events, as well as details on all activities, please visit the Homecoming website at <http://homecoming.gcsu.edu>. For any specific questions, feel free to email SGA at student.government@gcsu.edu.

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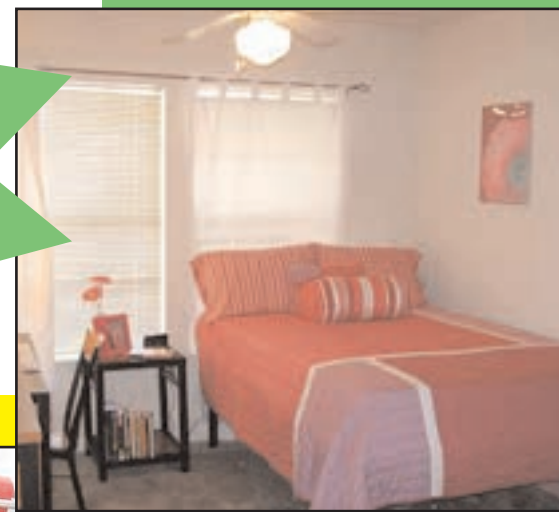
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